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WEDNESDAY CLUB TO  
CONTINUE CONCERTS

Spring Festival Not to Be Abandoned, Though More Members Are Needed.

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FUTURE

Number of Concerts Reduced from Five to Three—Old Officers Re-elected.

Deciding finally, after long discussion, to continue the concerts, the Wednesday Club last night embarked on a new year, not possibly under the most auspicious conditions, as its membership falls short of the required mark, but with a determination to work up interest and to take in new members until the desired standard is reached. Being the annual meeting, there was a large attendance, many prominent members being present to offer suggestions and encouragement for the coming year.

Though there has been much talk recently about the probability of disbanding, the club was enthusiastically in favor of maintaining the spring concerts, with the greatest confidence of ultimate success.

As the membership now stands, it only falls short of the desired number, by a very small margin, and from the expression last night there seemed to be no doubt about the fact that the desired number can be obtained with little trouble. Thoroughly convinced that the club was on a firm basis, the advisability of giving five concerts a year instead of three was considered. However, it was agreed to hold the number down to three.

Captain A. B. Guilgon expressed the opinion that the Richmond public did not desire five concerts. He believed that with three, as at present, and with concentrated action on the part of the members, only success could be predicted for the future.

Mr. H. T. Maloney, who presided in the absence of Mr. George W. Stevens, the president, offered many suggestions. Others who spoke were Mr. A. B. Williams, Dr. R. H. Peters and Rev. E. T. Dandridge. The latter referred in the most encouraging terms to the club and its future.

Old Board Elected Again.  
The old Board of Directors, with the exception of Mr. S. W. Meek, was re-elected. Mr. Meek having recently moved away from Richmond. Mr. Ernest H. Cosby was elected in his place.

Mr. Stevens was re-elected president and Mr. H. T. Maloney vice-president. Following is the list of directors: Gen. W. Stevens, A. C. Braxton, J. G. Corley, W. D. Gordon, F. C. Hahn, Ernest H. Cosby, Arthur Servenore, Eugene Jones, H. T. Maloney, J. S. Bryan, W. D. Duke, B. H. Grundy, R. R. Harrison, W. C. Mercer, A. B. Williams, M. T. Spicer.

## DR. MCFADEN DECLINES

Will Not Accept Presidency of Hampton-Sidney, Preferring Church Work.

Having given the offer careful consideration, Rev. F. T. McFadden, D. D., has declined the presidency of Hampton-Sidney College, and will continue as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city. This action, which has been communicated to the members of his congregation, will be forwarded at once to an executive committee of the Hampton-Sidney board. It is not known who will be chosen as president.

The congregation of the First Church has arranged for improvements to its building, adding an annex in the rear for the use of the various departments of the Sunday-school, at a cost of \$10,000.

Dr. W. H. McGehee, organist of the church, has resigned to accept the position of organist and choir director at Grace Episcopal Church. Mr. B. W. Hough will succeed him.

## Excursion to Dutch Gap.

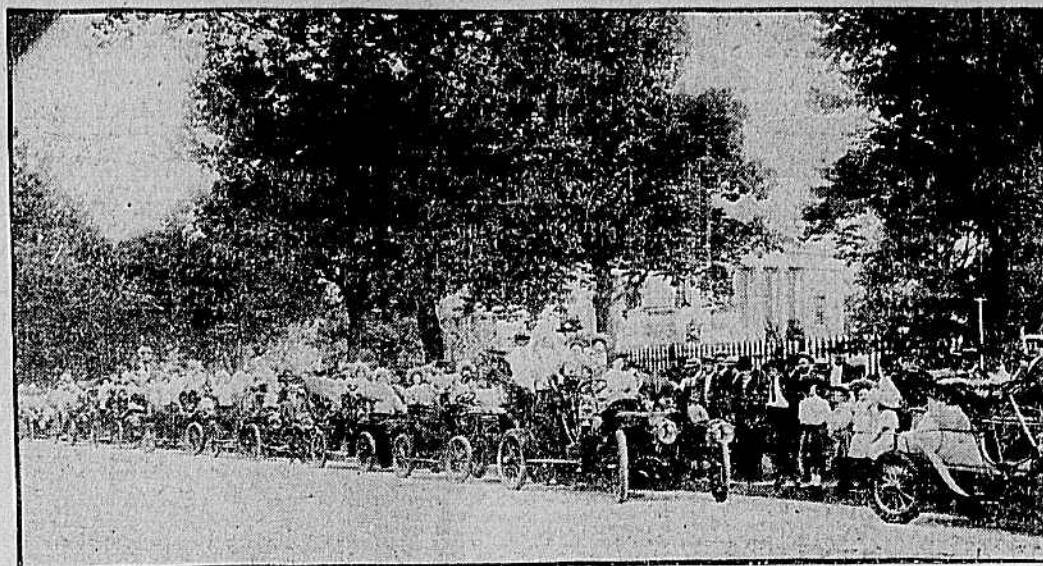
Eight hundred passengers crowded the decks and saloon of the steamer Pocahontas last night on the excursion operated under the auspices of the woman's committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. The steamer made the trip to Dutch Gap and back without mishap, arriving at the wharf near midnight. An enjoyable feature was a male quartet, which rendered many vocal selections during the evening.

## Alleged Cocaine Dealers Caught.

Gradually rounding up the "coke" dealers the police last night arrested Willie Smith and Lucinda Davis, both colored. The former was charged with having the drug in his possession, and the latter with disposing of it without license. They were both locked up in the First Station.

## Two Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to John E. Puryear and Minnie L. Yachrou and to Andrew L. Hix and Annie J. Tyler.

ORPHANS WHIRL TO IDLEWOOD;  
FEAST, THEN WHIRL HOME AGAIN

—Taken by Foster for The Times-Dispatch.

Enjoy First Ride in Touring Cars,  
Cheering as They Pass  
Along the Streets.

Cheering and waving their flags as they passed through a crowd of sympathetic people and a mass of vehicles, the orphans of Richmond who are inmates of their various institutions started at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on their first automobile trip out into the country's green, returning two hours later to the City Hall, from which point the never-to-be-forgotten journey was begun. Forty automobiles carried the little passengers, and thirty others joined in the parade up Grace and Franklin Streets. There were nearly 250 passengers, and there were equally as many smiles. It was, perhaps, the happiest crowd that ever started on a jaunt from Richmond, and there were many of the smaller fry who, regarding those whom they looked upon as their more lucky brethren and sisters, wished that they, too, were orphans.

"Muvver, I'm an orphan," said one little tot.

"No you're not," replied the mother, "for you got me and papa."

"Yes, I am, too," said the child, boldly, "cos I wants a ortermobill ride."

## Spectacular Parade.

The journey was begun at the City Hall, and the parade went up Grace Street to the Jefferson Davis Monument, where the trail was struck for the verdant country. All the way the children stood up in the automobiles and wildly waved their flags at every body they passed. Throats that had long been unaccustomed to cheers burst forth unapologetically, and mothers who stood in spacious doorways watching the pathetic procession—for it was pathetic in a certain sense—pressed their own children closer to their bosoms, thankful that they, too, had not been bereft of father and mother and home.

But the assemblage of orphans was unimpaired of former griefs and other woes in the pleasure of the moment. They were a healthy looking lot, and their spirits reached a state of exalted exuberance. Some of the automobiles were crowded in every inch of room, and the chauffeur had but small space in which to work his various cranks and pedals.

Up Grace Street the procession, more than a dozen squares long, filed rapidly, with the children yelling and waving for every bounce they made. They sped out into the country over six miles to Mr. Samuel Regester's place, where the turn was made for Idlewood.

Two of the cars punctured tires, but the damage was quickly repaired, and the machines kept on with the others. Forty automobiles create a deal of dust, but nobody seemed to mind, least of all the children. There was not one who had ever before been in an automobile, and there were few who had ever before been in the country, and a little extra dust down their throats did not appear to matter.

## Crowd Gave Them Right of Way.

Rustics ranged the roadsides and bowed as the procession passed. "Fo' Gawd," said one old darkey, "dat's a mighty lot of chillun. Never seed so many b'fo' in mah life." They left him in a cloud of dust. Country carts went into the ditches to let the machines go by; dogs scattered as if the devil himself were coming, and scared chickens crossed the road in reckless hurry. There was only one casualty. An English sparrow stayed

too long, and an automobile caught him in his spring. There was not time for tears, and the hour was too auspicious for sorrow.

After the turn at Mr. Regester's farm, the crowded automobiles soon passed again within the city limits, ending up at Idlewood. Mr. Andrew Pizzini had the gates wide open for them, and every child was given a ticket for every amusement in the grounds. Flying swings, shoot-the-chute, merry-go-round, the railroad, galleries—everything was immediately thronged with delighted youngsters. The donkeys were pressed into service, and they were ridden, sometimes with three or four on the back of one, as they had never been ridden before. Everybody lent a helping hand. Mothers formed the reception committee, and they had prepared such a pile of cake and such a quantity of lemonade that one wondered where it all would go. Doubt was not long left in mind, for the orphan boys and girls swept it away, until there was left not even one basket of crumbs. Then they started in to enjoy themselves for one blissful hour. They owned the place for that hour, and they took complete possession. Everything was running, including Mrs. Gill. She had her arms full in a double sense. Children swarmed everywhere. But there was no accident for the Idlewood people put themselves to extra precautions to see that no injury was done.

There were nearly 250 of the parentless little ones, and in the lot were but two who needed the help of others to take them about. One was a cripple, the other a hunchback. Their pallid faces lit up with a joy that had never illumined them before, perhaps, were at once pleasurable and pathetic. A mother who has two strong children of her own lifted the little hunchback into the merry-go-round and cried as she placed him on a hobbyhorse. He was unimpaired of his tears, for it was a moment when heaven had come down to bless him. The little cripple hobbled about on his crutches, and though one leg was far too short for the other, and his back was almost too weak to support its burden, he laughed with the others and limped round behind them.

## Reed on Donkeys.

It was a sight that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed the scene. The little children seemed to have reached the sum total of happiness. Earth had become a paradise, and they were cherubs without wings. Only the donkeys fared badly. Their burden was almost more than they could bear.

"Giddyup," cried a two-year-old, and the donkey stretched his best feet foremost. The boy hung on a racer and that he was jockeyed. It was a hair's breadth between him and the boy behind at the finish.

There were lots of other children present, but they all had mothers and fathers. They watched the orphans with undisguised interest. There was a distinction between the two sets of children, but no difference as to their happiness, except in degree. Having known but few of the pleasures of childhood in the way of outings and unconfined liberty, the orphans made the most of their too short hour. On the stroke of 6 they were called together again, and the automobiles, after taking a farewell spin round the lake, started back to the City Hall. There they had to be counted.

"Step out," said the largest urchin of one collection. "There ought to be nineteen, but I can count only eighteen." He found the nineteenth

Thousands Watch Spectacular  
Parade, Crowds Giving It  
Right of Way.

still sitting in a car, unwilling to leave.

## Charmed With the Trip.

It was the happiest gathering ever seen in Richmond, and no one could have appreciated the pleasure they received more than those motherless little ones. The jaunt was given by the Richmond Automobile Club, a branch of the national organization, which has started these trips for orphans. The club wishes to express its gratitude to all who loaned their machines and to those who brought them themselves and helped in the entertainment of the children. Dr. Lawrence D. Price, who had charge of the picnic, was particularly active in his efforts in behalf of the orphans. He was here, there and everywhere, ready and willing to help. To him largely belongs the credit of the day's pleasure and its happy ending.

The affair thus inaugurated will be made an annual feature by the Automobile Club. The orphans, mayhap, will live again in their dreams the joy that was theirs yesterday.

The orphans taking part in the picnic were the Male Orphan Asylum, Mrs. Gill; the Female Humane Association, Miss Tredway; St. Paul's Church Home, Mrs. Davis; the Belle Bryan Day Nursery, Miss Phaup; the Masonic Home, Mrs. Barbour; the Retreat for the Sick, Miss Lee Selden.

## Verdict for Lambert

Jury Gives Him \$3,000 in Damages Suit Against City of Richmond.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday a verdict for \$3,000 was returned in the suit of Lambert against the city of Richmond and others, the jury expressing the opinion that the city was primarily responsible. Attorney John Lamb, for the plaintiff, introduced four witnesses to controvert the testimony of Mrs. Throckmorton as to the manner of Lambert's fall, in which he received injuries. The accident occurred in Fulton, Lambert stumbling over an obstruction in the street and injuring his kneecap.

## HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Maurice Hunter Badly Burned While Repairing Auto Delivery Wagon.

Mr. Maurice Hunter was painfully burned Wednesday evening while repairing a leak in an automobile delivery wagon. He had turned on the spark, and was peering under the machine to see if it was working all right, when the gasoline pipe burst, throwing the burning liquid into his face and across his shoulder. Fortunately, he turned his head quickly and saved his eyes. The most severe burns are on his hands, which were very badly blistered from taking off his burning coat. The injuries are not serious, and it is probable that the burns will leave no scars.

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BOND ISSUE TO  
VOTE OF PEOPLEMayor Prepares Substitute After  
Vetoing Ordinance for New  
Lighting Plant.

Mayor McCarthy, whose veto message of the electric bond ordinance will be considered by the Common Council on Monday night, has prepared a substitute which meets the objections raised in his veto message. It will be presented by a member of the Council, and after reference will come up for action at the July meeting.

While it differs from the former message passed by both branches of the Council in a number of details, especially as to the manner of the erection of the plant and the specifications of the committees of the Council under whose care the work will be done, and who will sign the vouchers for the payment, the principal difference lies in the fact that the bonds are not to be charged against the general bond limit of the city, but must be made a separate issue charged against the proposed plant.

Wants Vote in July.  
In order to have the bonds so charged, the Mayor's substitute provides for a special election to be held on July 15th, when the question of the issuance of \$350,000 of bonds will be submitted to the vote of the people. It will be recalled that the Mayor vetoed a former proposition to submit the issue to a vote in the general election on the ground that it would be impossible to get a general expression from the people in that election.

Though the Mayor has declined to make public the text of his veto message which will be presented to the Council on Monday night, he personally delivered to an afternoon paper yesterday a draft of the new ordinance which he has prepared as a substitute. In support of his new proposition he quotes section 127 of the Constitution to show that such a plant as it proposed could be built on special bonds not included in the bond limit.

In a statement he shows that the city is already dangerously near its bonded limit; that improvements now under construction, including work at the gas works and the new High School, will still further increase the bonded debt, while the city is facing the necessity of making better bridge facilities with Manchester, the proposition for buying the docks is pending, and the large area included in the annexed territory is in urgent need of further expenditure. The Mayor is of the opinion, therefore, that any issue which can be made outside of the which can be made outside of the which can be made outside of the

## Money for Ice Mission.

The Times-Dispatch has received \$5.00 for the Ice Mission, the proceeds of an entertainment given at No. 1425 West Grace Street by Misses Margaret Jones, Blanche Green, Katharine Hill, Mary Elizabeth Phillips and Isabel Fraz.

INSURANCE MEN  
WANT HIGHER PAYShow Reasons for Increased Com-  
missions and Closes  
Relations.

With seventy-five members in attendance, the Virginia Association, Local Fire Insurance Agents, opened its tenth annual convention yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock in the assembly hall of Murphy's Hotel. The meeting was called to order by President Coleman Wortham with a short address of welcome.

At the helm of the city, Mayor McCarthy, welcomed the convention with a brief speech. He commended the work of the fire insurance agents, and said that it was largely due to them that buildings were becoming more and more substantial. He advised them to continue their zealousness, saying that the greater the insurance business, the better the quality of the buildings erected.

## Saved Good Record for Year.

Mr. Wortham then presented a report of the president's report. All things considered, he said the past year has seen more than a mystery about the business, and he impressed upon the members the importance of using their efforts to the end that all of the agents in the State, worthy of being members, be urged to join the association.

Mr. Wortham declared that there should be no mystery about the business, that all dealings between the agents, their customers, their companies and their competitors should be conducted openly and fairly. Concluding, he briefly reviewed the life of the association for the last year, adding that there had been nothing to prevent it from becoming more and more prosperous and a still greater factor for the good of its members.

The following committees were then appointed by the president:  
Committee on Resolutions—J. L. Watson, of Portsmouth; C. I. Lunsford, of Roanoke; B. F. Kirkpatrick, of Lynchburg; W. W. Hodges, of South Boston; W. L. Pierce, of Christiansburg; J. I. West, of Suffolk, and W. Straus, of Richmond.

Committee on Nominations—W. G. Paxton, of Buena Vista; G. Nelson, of Newmarket; N. Bargamin, of Bedford City; Howard Saunders, of Hampton, and J. A. Fry, of South Boston.

The special committee to consider the question of commission for agents is composed of C. I. Lunsford and B. F. Kirkpatrick.

## Want Better Commissions.

The address of Col. Walker Taylor was the only feature of the evening session. He is one of the most prominent insurance men in North Carolina, and though his speech was short, it was decidedly to the point, dealing as it did, mainly with the question of better commissions, in which the convention is mostly interested.

Col. Taylor favored the handing together of the insurance agents of the companies give better commissions. He said that it was his opinion that the association should be given in accordance with its wishes, but to negotiate with the companies and show them that the association was in the association and that should the companies pay them better commissions, they would really be a gain for both. He urged the formation of a platform to be placed before the companies by the several associations of fire agents in the South.

Col. Taylor's speech created a great deal of enthusiasm, as his subject was one in which all of the agents are interested. It is probable that a resolution will be offered this morning along the lines suggested by him.

## LOSS ABOUT \$75,000

## Fully Covered, Losses Work to Rebuild Plant When Stove Are Adjusted.

As near as could be estimated yesterday, the loss sustained by the Richmond Stove Company in Wednesday night's fire was between \$75,000 and \$100,000. This is entirely covered by insurance, placed through Messrs. Chapin & Hume and Mr. Fred L. Pleasant in the several companies represented by them.

Streams of water were still playing upon the ruins yesterday afternoon. Huge masses of bent and twisted iron and steel were piled in the ashes. As soon as the insurance is adjusted and the work cleared, the company will begin the work of rebuilding the plant.

## MR. ATKINSON CHOSEN

## Richmond Hotel Men's Association Makes

The fourth annual meeting of the Richmond Hotel Men's Association was held in Murphy's annex yesterday morning, and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Samuel T. Atkinson, Richmond Hotel, president; J. L. Davis, Davis House, vice-president; C. H. Gilbert, Gilbert Hotel, treasurer; Felix Keegan, Lexington Hotel, secretary.

The members will leave here next Monday for Natural Bridge, where the annual meeting of the Virginia Hotel Men's Association will be held.

## FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS OF VIRGINIA ATTENDING CONVENTION HERE



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